

Small Group Discussion Questions Union County

What is occurring in your communities which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Mentoring Programs
- Share facilities with parks and recreation and have partnerships with county.
- Strengthened the teacher pay scale
- Aggressive public relations program
- Improved web-site
- Implemented technology up grades (new computers)
- Partners with faith based organizations
- Ruby Payne Training
- High Schools that work (All 3 High Schools)
- Aggressive teacher training (Early release days)
- Ruby Paine – to help students who live in poverty.
- 21st century tutoring 3rd and 4th graders in all the elementary schools
- Dual credits at the High School
- Seat time – students that are behind, attend the achievement academy.

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Funds
- Failure to reach consensus on key issues
- Adequate and equitable facilities
- Technology infrastructure
- Money, teachers/students ratio
- Lack of business role models.
- Poverty cycle
- Lack of community approach to education

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Improve communication
- More positive publicity
- Community input
- Town meetings
- More formalize communication between business and education leaders. (about educational needs)
- More positive media exposure to engage more parents and the community into the educational process
- Target middle school students community effort
- Partnership the media with the schools for all to address the needs of the educational process
- Take politics out and focus, focus on **EDUCATION**

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.